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REFERENCES TO VIOLENCE, CRIME STATISTICS
AS OF 2022, GENDER INCONGRUITY IN RUSSIA IS STILL OFFICIALLY CLASSIFIED AS A 'MENTAL ILLNESS'.
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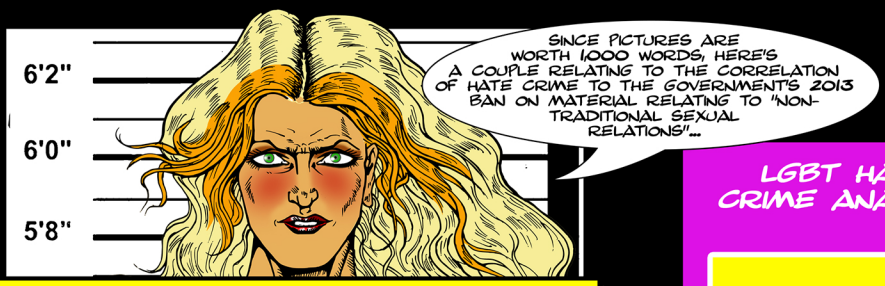
SONYA SMIRNOVA. I'M 37, BORN IN MOSCOW. MOVED TO ST. PETERSBURG WHEN I BEGAN TRANSITIONING, AN ACT VIEWED BY MY EX-POLICE COLLEAGUES AS SUICIDAL, LUDICROUS, AND EVEN 'ANTI-RUSSIAN'. THEY WERE ALMOST RIGHT ON THE FIRST PART, AS I SPENT SEVEN YEARS IN STREET SEX WORK TO PAY FOR THE UNDER-THE-COUNTER HORMONES I WASN'T ALLOWED, BY THE MEDICAL BUREAUCRACY WHICH TREATS GENDER INCONGRUITY AS A MENTAL ILLNESS. HEY, SEEMS I JUST WASN'T CRAZY ENOUGH.
CURRENTLY, THERE ARE OVER 400 - YEH, FOUR-ZERO-ZERO -JOBS WHICH CIS WOMEN AREN'T ALLOWED TO DO IN RUSSIA. SO WHAT HOPE DID I HAVE?
PUSSY RIOT
FROM A NATION WHOSE FEMALE SNIPERS, PILOTS, SPIES AND INFANTRY HELPED SAVE EUROPE - AND THE WORLD - FROM THE NAZIS. IMAGINE THAT.
REFERENCES:
THEMOSCOWTIMES.COM
REUTERS.COM
BUT DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH - I DID! -MB.
THINK YOUR COUNTRY ISN'T TOO GOOD AT ALLOWING FREE SPEECH? HERE, I CAN GO TO JAIL (UNDOUBTEDLY, A MAN'S PRISON AT THAT) AND/OR GET MURDERED WITH NO BLOWBACK, FOR SIMPLY PRINTING THIS.
BEING TRANS OR QUEER AND SHOUTING ABOUT IT, OR TRYING TO HELP OTHERS DEAL WITH IT, WILL DAMAGE YOUR HEALTH. PROVIDING "NON-TRADITIONAL" SEX INFORMATION - INCLUDING EDUCATION - IS A CRIME. SO, YOU CAN CONSIDER THIS A PROPAGANDA LEAFLET.
THAT'S NOT TO MENTION THE UNDERGROUND WEBSITE THAT LISTS THE PERSONAL DETAILS OF LGBT ACTIVISTS SO THEY CAN BE ATTACKED OR KILLED FOR REWARDS. NO, REALLY.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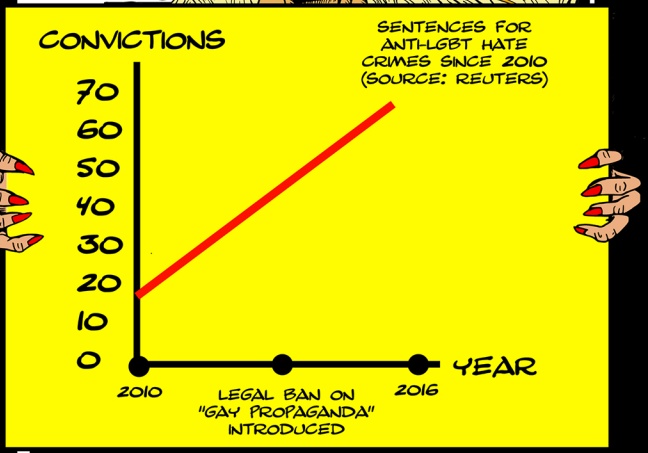
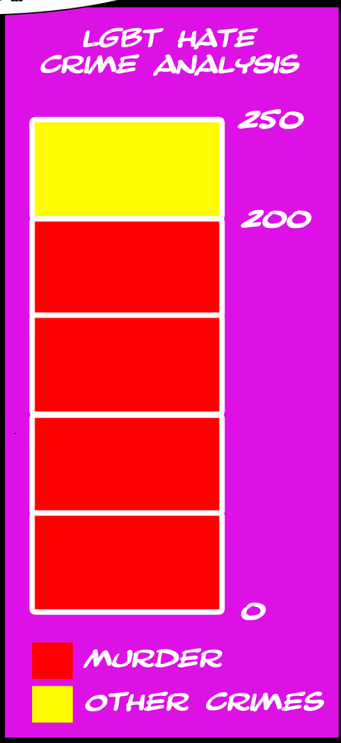
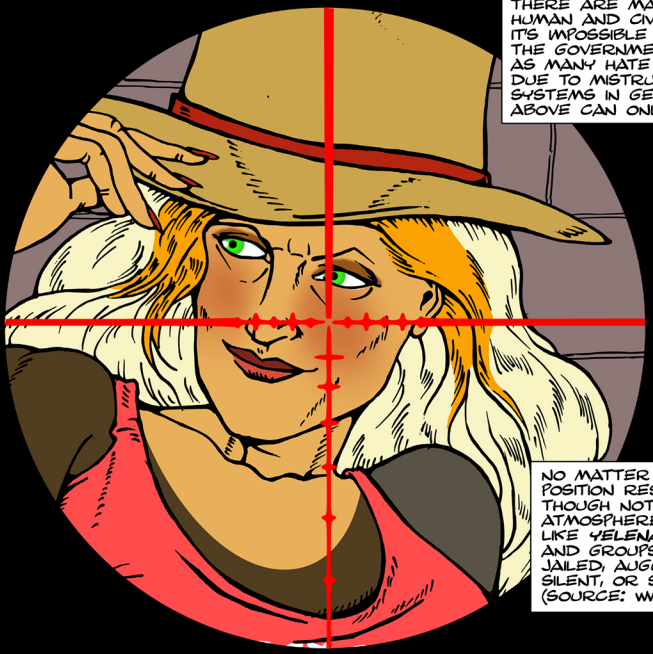
SINCE PICTURES ARE WORTH 1,000 WORDS, HERE'S A COUPLE RELATING TO THE CORRELATION OF HATE CRIME TO THE GOVERNMENT'S 2013 BAN ON MATERIAL RELATING TO "NON-TRADITIONAL SEXUAL RELATIONS"...





MOST VICTIMS ARE GAY MEN, AND HOMOSEXUALITY WAS ONLY DE-CRIMINALISED IN 1993. BUT HOSTILITY TO THE LGBT COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE REMAINS, WITH THE BAN ON "GAY PROPAGANDA" USED TO SHUT DOWN PRIDE MARCHES AND OTHER PROTESTS...AND SACK TRANS EMPLOYEES ON A PRETEXT, TOO. (SOURCE: WWW.ADVOCATE.COM)

THERE ARE MANY GREAT THINGS IN RUSSIA - BUT HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS WAS NEVER ONE OF THEM. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY HOW MUCH TACIT **SUPPORT** THE GOVERNMENT GIVE TO ANTI-LGBTQIA HATE GROUPS, AS MANY HATE CRIMES ARE SIMPLY NOT REPORTED, DUE TO MISTRUST OF THE POLICE AND JUDICIAL SYSTEMS IN GENERAL - MEANING THAT THE FIGURES ABOVE CAN ONLY BE THE TIP OF AN ICEBERG.



NO MATTER WHAT, THE GOVERNMENT'S MADE ITS POSITION RESOUNDINGLY CLEAR. HATE CRIME - THOUGH NOT OFFICIALLY CONDONED - NOW HAS AN ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH TO FLOURISH, AND ACTIVISTS LIKE **YELENA GRIGORYEVA** (MURDERED, JULY 2019) AND GROUPS LIKE **PUSSY RIOT** (THREE MEMBERS JAILED, AUGUST **2012**) FACE A STARK CHOICE: BE SILENT, OR SPEAK UP, AND ACCEPT THE RISK. (SOURCE: WWW.BBC.CO.UK)

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